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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism

> Transportation & Corrections Senator Roger Breske, Chair

RE: **Proposed Administrative Rules**

Below, please find descriptions of various administrative rules recently referred to the Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism, Transportation & Corrections. For your reference, I have included a brief summary, prepared by the department, of each rule. If you would like a copy of any of these rules, or if you would like to request a hearing, please contact Vaughn in my office before Friday, May 28, 1999.

Clearinghouse Rule 99-037; Relating to standards for the inspection of bridges in Wisconsin. This proposed rule would bring Wisconsin into conformance with federal bridge inspection standards and allow for a more appropriate inspection interval for some bridges. The first section of this rule amends the definition of the "AASHTO" manual to reflect the fact that a more recent edition has been published...The second section allows bridge inspections on a two year interval rather than annually...The third section changes reporting dates slightly to allow more time for computer data entry of inspection information by Department personnel.

CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 99-049; Relating to allowing the operation of double bottoms and certain other vehicles on certain specified highways. This proposed rule amends Trans 276 in several ways to add three segments of highway to the designated highway system established under § 348.07(4), Stats. And reflect a change of highway jurisdiction. The actual highway segments that this proposed rule adds to the designated highway system are:

| Hwy. | From | То |
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| STH 46 | STH 64 S. of Deer Park | USH 8 N. of Amery |
| STH 80 | USH 14 in Richland Center | STH 33 in Union Center |
| STH 182 | STH 13 in Park Falls | USH 51 in Manitowish |